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In re Patent Application of: Conf. No.: 5569
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Application No.: 10/849,525 Group Art Unit: 1725

Filed: May 20, 2004 Examiner: Michael Aboagye

For: MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR
FRICTION WELDED ALUMINUM ALLOY
PARTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 22, 2006, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims Group I, claims 1-14 for continued examination, with traverse.

Applicants hereby elect Group I with traverse. The traversal is on the grounds of, inter alia, the fact these two groupings are likely to be searched in the same areas by the PTO, particularly because the PTO will tend to apply an inherency theory to reject product claims if it is the PTO's opinion that a process of manufacture of a prior art reference is purportedly likely to produce the same resulting product. Hence, groupings such as those set forth in the present restriction requirement are untenable for at least this reason. In addition, under the spirit of the In re Ochiai guidelines, products and their processes of manufacture and use should be examined together in the same application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with the response. The Director is hereby authorized to

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charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 11-0553, under Order No. 2901683.19.

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